



# The Pie Card



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## From the Superintendent's Desk



I think we all can admit that we are guilty of taking for granted many things in our daily lives such as electricity until we lose it during a storm. It's not until then that we really think about how much we appreciate and count on it.

From a Division 8 perspective, I want you to think about and appreciate all the members who make things happen for the division throughout the year.

As you read your Pie Card every month do you know it's from the efforts of mostly one guy, Bob Dawson. After Bob puts all the articles, pictures, and events together, Rick Tipton proofs it, then sends it to Tom Guentner to be loaded on our web site and emailed to you. For some of you who still receive the Pie Card via mail, Bob gets it addressed, stamped, and on the way to you.

Mike Berry keeps track of all our finances, which includes reconciling our accounts every month. A job I know everyone loves to do with their personal accounts! Mike also is accountable for train show monies before and after the show, and don't forget any special events such as our annual picnic where you send your check to Mike.

The rest of your board members Fred, Ed, and Eric, keep all of us on course with great suggestions on why we should, or should not do certain projects or functions. Besides the members mentioned by name, many more members are hard at work preparing for our 2017 convention.

Another area not to take for granted is the support the three major train hobby shops give you and the Division 8.

Twice a year HobbyTown USA, The Roundhouse, and Scale Reproductions donate items to our train show so we can have door prizes. They also willingly display our train show flyers to promote our show.

Also, these shops give a discount and/or point accumulation to the model railroad community. In this age of internet sales, the brick and mortar shops are constantly reviewing their bottom line, yet are still willing to pass along additional discounts to you and me.

Perhaps now you'll appreciate even more when you read your Pie Card, or hear the treasurer's report, or stop in your favorite hobby shop because now you know how much effort they put into the hobby for you.

*Russ Weis*

## AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

We met on Thursday evening, November 19, at the Southern Indiana Model Railroad in Jeffersonville, IN. Russ Weis announced the formation of the nominating committee for the 2016 Division Elections. Committee members are Tom Guentner (Chairman) and John Bowman. Eric Waggoner, Chairman Convention Committee, said the committee met with the Galt House representatives to discuss banquet menu, layout unloading and set up access. Eric said the Committee is meeting again this month and then again in January with another meeting at the Galt House in March. Bob Dawson reminded the members of the Train Show Saturday, and that help is needed for Friday set up and on Saturday. Bill Litckenhouse with Central Indiana Division said that early bird registration for the NMRA 2016 National Convention in Indianapolis ends in February. Mike Berry said he is taking reservations for the Division Christmas Party December 12. Bob Johnson shared photos of the new O-gauge layout that will be at the Fairgrounds Gift and Décor Show. John Bowman said the Louisville Connecting lines layout at a good crowd at the Festival of Trees and Lights.

## TIME TABLE

**Dec 6**, Sun, Noon-5 PM, Open House  
Ralph Bracewell's

**Dec 12**, Sat, 6PM, Holiday Party, Rails  
Restaurant, LaGrange, KY

**Jan 16**, Sat, 2 PM, Div. Mtg., Iroquois  
Post.

**Feb 20**, Sat, 2 PM, Mtg, Location TBS

**Mar 17**, Thur, 7:30 PM, Mtg., Iroquois  
Post.

**Mar 19**, Div 8 Train Show, Moose  
Lodge.

**CHARLIE KEELING MODEL CONTEST***Fred Soward, Contest Chairman*

<b>December</b>	<b>NO CONTEST</b>
January	Freight Cars
February	Diesel Locomotives
March	Commercial Structures
April	Passenger Cars
May	Cabooses
June	Open Loads
July	No Contest
August	MOW Equipment
September	Photos
October	Steam Locomotives
November	Displays/Dioramas

Three people entered displays/dioramas in the November contest. Bob Kuchler squeaked by Rick Maloney with his N Scale DPM Main Street entry. Rick's Keystone Brewery came in second and Barry Christensen's unique representation of a team track with a loading platform for a Christmas tree farm came in third. *See Page 3 for photos and a description of how Bob built his winning diorama.*

Standings to date: Bob Kuchler is way out in first with 13 points; Barry Christensen and Bill Lynch are tied for second place with 5 points; John Czerwinski, Rick Maloney, and Tom Lindquist are tied in third place with 3 points; Patrick Hardesty is in fourth place with 2 points; tied for sixth place with 1 point are Bob Johnson, Cecil Stewart, Joe Fields, and Robin White.

As usual, we will not have a contest in December, but plan to bring a freight car to the January meeting. The judging is strictly people's choice. I'll have blank contest entry forms for anyone who needs one, but you can save yourself some time at the meeting by downloading the entry form from the Division 8 website or Facebook page and completing it prior to arriving at the meeting.

Mike Berry won the gift card drawing.

*Highball To Indy '16*  
**2016 NMRA National Convention**  
 July 3-10, 2016      Indianapolis, IN



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**NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION:**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2PM AT IROQUOIS POST  
 AMERICAN LEGION, 800 W. WOODLAWN AVE., 40215.**

**DIVISION 8 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday December 12, 2015

Rails Restaurant & Bar  
 117 E. Main Street

LaGrange, KY

We gather at 6 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM



Reservations and entrée choices were due to Mike Berry by Monday December 2. After that date check Mike to see if there are still openings. **CALL MIKE BERRY AT 502-245-1337 or email him at: [Mikeberry063@gmail.com](mailto:Mikeberry063@gmail.com).**

**MAINTENANCE TIES FUND 2015**

The Maintenance Ties Fund helps underwrite the Member Welfare Fund and the printing of the Pie Card for those members who don't have access to a computer. The Member Welfare Fund provides a gift certificate to a member or spouse who has been hospitalized. It is also used for an expression of sympathy upon the death of a member or a member's spouse. Donations were received in August from Stephen Taylor and Jim Kuzirian. Donations of \$ 5.00 or more to the maintenance ties fund are recognized in the Pie Card. Fred and Barbara Soward, \$100, \$60 Bob Johnson; \$50 John Ottman, \$44, Jim Kuzirian \$40 John Czerwinski; \$30, Stephen Taylor; \$25 Ed Brennan; \$20 each John Bowman, Bob Lawson, Bob Kuchler.

**DIVISION 8 ELECTIONS 2016**

The offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, Treasurer, and one trustee position are up for election. Officers will serve two year terms, trustee six years. Regular members are eligible to serve. If you are interested in serving you must submit a petition signed by five regular members to Tom Guenther, Bob Frankrone or John Bowman before the January meeting. Nominations will be received from the floor at the January meeting.

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**NOVEMBER CONTEST WINNER**

*Photos and captions by Fred Soward*

Left: Bob Kuchler's N-Scale Main Street diorama

Bob Kuchler used four DPM buildings to create the basic Main Street ensemble for his winning entry. He spiced it up with lots of details from Gold Medal and others. There's even a driver in the street sweeper rounding the corner.

Right: All building interiors are detailed, parking meters are painted and decaled, multiple signs applied to building exteriors and windows,



The resin automobiles were hand painted by Bob. He used Microscale Crystal Clear for the smaller window glass in the automobiles and buildings.

Bob has volunteered to present a clinic at the January Division meeting demonstrating his process for making the widows.



### GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD

Left: Joe Fields, Achievement Program Chairman, presented Patrick Hardesty (right) with his Golden Spike Award at the November meeting.

The Golden Spike Award is designed to demonstrate familiarity with different areas of the hobby, rather than expertise in a particular area.

Go to the NMRA Website and look at the requirements – you too may find that you have met most or all of them already.

### FALL TRAIN SHOW

Right: The “Keepers of the Door”, Brenda Stewart and Ruth Lynch took care of admissions.



Left: Bob Johnson and his O-gauge layout.

TRACK SIDE THEN AND NOW-RETAIL COAL DEALERS



Left: St. Bernard Coal Co., 950 Swan Street 1942. When this photo was taken, homes in Louisville were heated with coal. A search of the 1937 Louisville City Directory revealed 78 Retail Coal Dealers. The directory also listed 200 vendors. The vendors would make small lot (less than a ton) deliveries. Companies like St. Bernard would deliver several tons to homes, usually the winter's supply. The two hopper cars shown are from two different railroads, the L & N and Illinois Central. Different grades of coal, and different sizes were received and sold.

Most home had stoker fed furnaces. Stokers required a uniform size, classified as "egg" coal.

*Photo: University of Louisville Photo Archives*

950 Swan Street 2015.

Left and Below: Today this is still a coal yard, but now it is owned and operated by the Cumberland Elkhorn Coal & Coke Company, a wholesale supplier.

Aerial photos show that the connection to CSX has been removed.

*Photos by Bob Dawson*



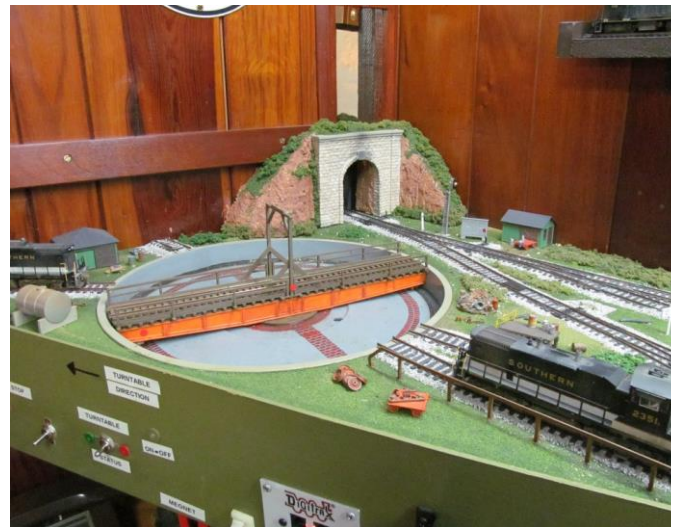
In 1950 the Texas Gas Transmission Company's natural gas pipelines from the gas fields in Texas and Louisiana were built through Jefferson County. The provided Louisville with a stable supply of natural gas. Many residents began installing new natural gas fired furnace; other had natural gas conversion burners installed in the old furnaces. By the 1960's the home coal market had disappeared.

Today, the yellow pages only list two coal dealers.

**MORE PHOTOS FROM THE FALL TRAIN SHOW**

Photos by Bob Dawson





Above left and right:  
Tom Lindquist added a new yard to his layout. He cut a hole through the wall from the main room. You can see it just above the turn table. Tom can use it either for staging or as an active yard for switching.



Above and to the left:

Winn Dixie Grocery Co. warehouse, and overview of part of the layout.

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